

THE CITY OF NEW YORK
LAW DEPARTMENT
100 CHURCH STREET
NEW YORK, NY 10007

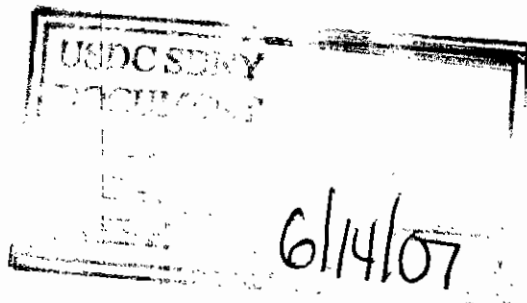
MICHAEL A. CARDOZO
Corporation Counsel

Susan P. Scharfstein
Special Federal Litigation Division
212-227-4071
Facsimile: (212) 788-9776
sscharfs@law.nyc.gov

June 11, 2007

BY HAND

Honorable Robert W. Sweet
United States District Judge
Southern District of New York
500 Pearl Street
New York, NY 10007



Re: Nolasco v. City of New York, et al., 07 CV 3937 (RWS)

Dear Judge Sweet:

I am an attorney in the office of Michael A. Cardozo, Corporation Counsel of the City of New York, counsel for defendant City of New York in the above-referenced action brought pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983. Defendant respectfully requests that the time to respond to the complaint be extended by sixty days from the current due date of June 11, 2007, to August 13, 2007. Plaintiff's counsel has advised me that he consents to this request for an enlargement of time.

There are several reasons for seeking an enlargement of time. In keeping with this office's obligations under Rule 11 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, we need this additional time to investigate the allegations of the complaint. It is our understanding that the records of the underlying criminal matter, including police records, may have been sealed pursuant to New York Criminal Procedure Law § 160.50. Therefore, this office is in the process of forwarding to plaintiff for execution consents and authorizations for the release of sealed records so that defendant can access the information, properly assess the case, and respond to the complaint. Further, plaintiff has alleged physical injury as a result of the events of which he complains and, accordingly, this office is in the process of forwarding to plaintiff's counsel a consent and authorization for the release of medical records for treatment received as a result of the alleged incident.

In addition, plaintiff has named an individual defendant in this action. This extension will give plaintiff time in which to serve this defendant if he has not already done so.

S. Scharfstein
USDC
6-12-07

Without appearing or making any representations on his behalf, we respectfully request that he be granted the same extension of time in which to respond to the allegations of the complaint if and when he is served, in order to ensure that his defenses are not jeopardized while representation issues are being addressed. Moreover, once the individual defendant has been served, pursuant to Section 50-k of the New York General Municipal Law, the Corporation Counsel's office must determine, based on a review of the facts of the case, whether we may represent him. See Mercurio v. City of New York, et al., 758 F.2d 862, 864-65 (2d Cir. 1985) (quoting Williams v. City of New York, et al., 64 N.Y.2d 800, 486 N.Y.S.2d 918 (1985)) (decision as to whether to represent individual defendants is made by the Corporation Counsel as set forth in state law).

No previous request for an extension of time to respond to the complaint has been made. Accordingly, we respectfully request that defendants' time to answer or otherwise respond to the complaint be extended to August 13, 2007.

Thank you for your consideration herein.

Respectfully submitted,


Susan P. Scharfstein (SS 2476)

cc: Arnold J. Levine, Esq.
Attorney at Law
233 Broadway, Suite 901
New York, NY 10279
(by hand)